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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
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1. AMBASSADOR ROTH, THE DISARMAMENT CHIEF AT THE FRG
FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAS TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR
THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE US VIEWS ON TWO UPCOMING
DISARMAMENT MATTERS:

--FIRST, ROTH SAID THE GERMANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
THE SECOND MEETING OF GOVERNMENT EXPERTS SCHEDULED TO
CONVENE IN LUGANO ON JANUARY 28 TO DEAL WITH THE
EFFECTS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONRY. THE GERMANS FEAR
THAT THIS DISCUSSION, OSTENSIBLY FOR TECHNICAL PURPOSES,
MAY BE USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AGAINST THE INTERESTS
OF THE WESTERN NATIONS. HE ASKED FOR US VIEWS ON THE
PROSPECTS FOR THE MEETING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
OUR DELEGATIONS COULD COORDINATE CLOSELY TO PREVENT
EXPLOITATION BY OTHERS.

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-- SECOND, ROTH SAID THE GERMANS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT OUR PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS SCHEDULED FOR THE SUMMER TO DISCUSS ARMS BUDGETS. ROTH SAID THE GERMANS FEARED THAT THIS MEETING MIGHT BE USED BY SOME COUNTRIES TO ADVOCATE LIMITATIONS ON WESTERN ARMS BUDGETS AND TO GENERATE PRESSURE FOR THE SAVINGS IN ARMS TO BE SPENT ON ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMS. THE GERMANS WOULD RESIST SUCH EFFORTS, BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHO WILL BE THERE TO HELP. ROTH ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THIS UPCOMING MEETING AND WHAT OUR ATTITUDE WOULD BE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY REPLIES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS THAT WE COULD PASS TO AMBASSADOR ROTH, PREFERABLY BY THE FIRST PART OF JANUARY.
HILLENBRAND

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